



**Family Literacy Engagement**  
**Grab & Go: Verbal Reasoning - Synonyms and Antonyms**

This activity would be best used by:	
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**Materials:**

- Paper and Pencil

**Steps:**

1. Generate a list of words that have a clear synonym (word that means the same thing) and antonym (word that means the opposite). Families can ask their child's teacher to provide a list of words.
2. One by one, go through each of the words with the child and have them tell you one word that is a synonym (a word that means the same thing) and one word that is an antonym (a word that means the opposite).
3. If the child struggles to find a synonym or an antonym, have them use a thesaurus to locate a synonym or antonym, and then discuss why it is a synonym or why it is an antonym. You can find a thesaurus website or app on your phone or tablet.
4. For each correct synonym or antonym, give the child a point. Once they get to five points, celebrate! Keep track of the number of synonyms and antonyms the child can identify, and track their progress over time. Share this with them so they can see their improvement!



**Lagniappe:**

Include vocabulary words that you are using from other activities to make connections.

Have the child generate a list of words and then identify synonyms and antonyms on their own. Use the honor system to have them keep track, and celebrate when they reach a predetermined goal (make this goal a big one!).

Families can play this game while riding in the car, at the grocery store, shopping, or waiting anywhere. This is a great way to build their verbal reasoning skills.